

**House File 631 - Introduced**

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BY COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

(SUCCESSOR TO HF 543)

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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act modifying provisions applicable to the propane education  
2 and research council.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 101C.3, subsection 3, paragraph a, Code  
2 2013, is amended to read as follows:

3 a. A professional fire fighter designated by the Iowa  
4 ~~association of professional fire chiefs~~ fire fighters  
5 association.

6 Sec. 2. Section 101C.3, subsection 5, Code 2013, is amended  
7 to read as follows:

8 5. A council member shall serve a term of three years  
9 ~~and shall not serve more than two full consecutive terms. A~~  
10 ~~council member filling an unexpired term may serve not more~~  
11 ~~than a total of seven consecutive years. A former council~~  
12 ~~member may be appointed to the council if the former member has~~  
13 ~~not been a member of the council for a period of at least two~~  
14 ~~years.~~

15 Sec. 3. Section 101C.4, subsection 1, Code 2013, is amended  
16 to read as follows:

17 1. The council and its activities shall be funded by an  
18 annual assessment. Upon establishment of the council ~~and each~~  
19 ~~year thereafter~~ the annual assessment shall be made at a rate  
20 of one-tenth of one cent on each gallon of odorized propane  
21 sold. Thereafter, annual assessments shall be sufficient to  
22 cover the costs of the plans and programs developed by the  
23 council and upon a majority vote by the council, the council  
24 may increase or decrease the annual assessment as necessary,  
25 but in no event shall the annual assessment exceed two-tenths  
26 of one cent on each gallon of odorized propane sold.

27 Sec. 4. REPEAL. Section 101C.14, Code 2013, is repealed.

28 EXPLANATION

29 This bill modifies provisions applicable to the propane  
30 education and research council established in Code chapter  
31 101C.

32 The bill changes the designation of one of the ex officio,  
33 nonvoting members of the council from a professional fire  
34 fighter designated by the Iowa association of professional fire  
35 chiefs to a professional fire fighter designated by the Iowa

1 professional fire fighters association.

2 The bill also eliminates provisions specifying term limits  
3 and reappointment requirements.

4 The bill additionally modifies provisions relating to the  
5 annual assessment which funds the council and its activities.  
6 Currently, Code section 101C.4, subsection 1, provides that  
7 upon establishment of the council and each year thereafter the  
8 annual assessment shall be made at a rate of one-tenth of one  
9 cent on each gallon of odorized propane sold. The bill deletes  
10 the reference to "and each year thereafter", and provides that  
11 after establishment of the council and the initial rate of  
12 one-tenth of one cent, annual assessments shall thereafter be  
13 in an amount sufficient to cover the costs of the plans and  
14 programs developed by the council, and that upon a majority  
15 vote by the council, the council may increase or decrease the  
16 annual assessment as necessary, but not to exceed two-tenths of  
17 one cent on each gallon of odorized propane sold.

18 Additionally, the bill repeals a provision which repealed  
19 the Code chapter effective December 31, 2014.